## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-15 and 33 have been allowed. The remaining claims are being canceled.

However, the respective rejections and requirements are respectfully traversed.

The cancellation of the rejected claims is without prejudice to resubmission of those same claims in a divisional application.

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